

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on April 4, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Scott Staffanson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 661, 3/30/2017

HEARING ON HB 661**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:26 Rep. Nancy Ballance (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 661, A statutory interim study on Montana State University laboratories.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:01 Rep. Glimm

00:04:50 Sen. Vance

[EXHIBIT\(agh70a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh70a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh70a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh70a04\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:21 Rep. Olsen

00:10:17 Sen. Vance

00:11:13 Rep. Olsen

00:11:32 Sen. Vance

00:11:45 Rep. McKamey

00:11:56 Sen. Vance

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:03 Dave McEwen, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)

00:17:12 Kori Anderson, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA) & Montana Cattle Women(MCW)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:18:37 Mike Honeycutt, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

00:18:59 Ken McDonald, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:19:22 Rep. Curdy

00:19:58 Mike Honeycutt, MDOL

00:20:21 Rep. Curdy

00:20:43 Mike Honeycutt, MDOL

00:21:48 Rep. Curdy

00:22:16 Dave McEwen, MWGA

00:22:55 Rep. McKamey

00:23:29 Rep. Glimm

00:24:41 Rep. McKamey

00:24:56 Rep. Glimm

00:25:43 Rep. McKamey

00:26:12 Rep. Glimm

00:27:03 Rep. Windy Boy

00:27:48 Rep. Balance

00:28:42 Rep. Olsen

00:29:06 Rep. Hamilton joins meeting

00:29:54	Rep. Balance
00:30:16	Rep. Glimm
00:32:03	Rep. Olsen
00:33:14	Rep. Glimm
00:33:51	Rep. Lenz
00:34:47	Rep. Glimm
00:35:53	Rep. Lenz
00:36:06	Rep. Glimm
00:36:58	Rep. Bennett
00:37:40	Rep. Glimm
00:38:35	Rep. Bennett
00:38:50	Rep. Glimm
00:39:20	Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
00:39:55	Rep. Glimm
00:40:37	Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
00:41:19	Rep. Sales
00:42:10	Rep. Glimm
00:42:22	Rep. Sales
00:42:54	Rep. Glimm
00:43:19	Rep. Sales
00:43:43	Rep. Glimm
00:43:51	Rep. Staffanson
00:44:14	Rep. Glimm
00:44:31	Chair Redfield
00:44:52	Ken McDonald, FWP
00:47:19	Rep. Beard
00:47:52	Mike Honeycutt, MDOL

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:29	Rep. Balance
00:50:31	Chair Redfield
00:51:06	Vice Chair Staffanson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:52:19

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh70aad.pdf](#))